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Little Beaver Conservation District, Baker, MT 59313

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a decision notice for the Environmental Assessment dated October 12, 1996, South Sandstone Reservoir Transfer. A decision was made following the end of the public comment period on November 25, 1996.

Sincerely,

Don Hyypa  
Region 7 Supervisor

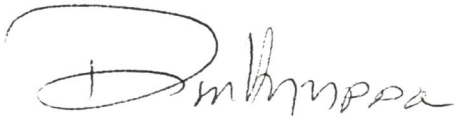
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**Decision Notice - South Sandstone Reservoir Transfer**

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The Environmental Assessment for this proposed action was completed October 21, 1996. A meeting to accept public comment was held in Baker in November 4, 1996. No negative comments were received at the meeting or during the public comment period, which ended November 25, 1996. Based on the absence of any negative effects identified in the Environmental Assessment, the department decided to proceed with the transfer and the draft EA becomes the final EA.

Since the time of that decision, the Little Beaver Conservation District has decided against bidding on the project. Unless the South Sandstone Recreation and Water Spreading Group decides to make a bid, the south Sandstone Reservoir project will remain under Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks ownership and control until further direction is received from the legislature.



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